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25X1 1. Major General YI Yong-ho, CO of the North Korean 3rd Division and Colonel KIM Chong-dong, CO of the North Korean 8th Regiment wear many Soviet decorations and describe their prowess with the Soviet Army. The North Korean 3rd Division has 15 Soviet advisers, of whom seven were observed on the road from Uijongbu going toward Seoul at 2 p.m. (Korean time) on 28 June, wearing Soviet uniforms under civilian topcoats.*

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2. In September 1948 the Kirin Peace Preservation Corps became part of the Chinese Communist Army. In April 1950 the North Korean government recalled all North Korean troops serving with the Chinese Communist Army in China. Troops from Tingchou, North China, were among the 4,000 returned to Korea. One hundred and twenty were selected for officers' school and were sent to Pyongyang for training. The school had three Soviet advisers in civilian clothing.

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3. On 14 June trainees were sent to Hoeryong (129-45, 42-25) to join the 15th Division, which on 21 June moved to Kumhwa (127-28, 32-10), then south on foot. PAK Song-chol, CO of the 15 Division is from either China or the USSR and speaks Chinese and Russian. On 23 June the 8th Regiment, 15 Division, was at half-strength: No replacements were ever received and no supplies had been received from the rear since the regiment arrived at Umsong (127-42, 36-56).

4. While digging gun positions, the engineer section 4th Regiment, 2nd Division, saw Soviet officers directing the laying of guns. When the fire began, the Soviet officers observed through field glasses, and made corrections by phone through an interpreter.

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5. The North Korean 2nd Regiment had 120 T-34 tanks with 500 hp., 12-cylinder diesel engines, requiring one liter of fuel for two kilometers of travel. The tanks were armed with one 85-mm. gun and two 7.62 machine guns. The tankers were taught by Korean instructors. At first, no instructions were given the tank commanders on action to protect the tanks during an enemy attack. When they reached the Fan River, they were told to hide the tanks when aircraft were present by driving into straw-thatched houses.

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Comment. This is the first [] seeing Soviet advisers south of the Parallel.

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